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Although the trade of NATO countries with China has been small, it continues to grow slowly in the case of most NATO countries, and it is important to China.

During the 1983-86 period (see Table I), the combined imports of all NATO countries from China, as a percentage of the NATO members' total imports, rose from 0.5 percent in 1983 to 0.6 percent in 1984 and 0.7 percent in 1985 and in 1986. Exports rose from 0.7 percent in 1983 to 0.8 percent in 1984 and 1.1 percent in 1985, but fell to 0.9 percent in 1986.

Imports of the European NATO countries remained unchanged at 0.4 percent of their total imports in 1983, 1984, and 1985 and then rose to 0.5 percent in 1986. Their exports to China, as a percentage of their total exports, increased from 0.4 percent in 1983 to 0.5 percent in 1984 and 0.8 percent in both 1985 and 1986.

Table II shows imports and exports by individual countries. Between 1983 and 1986 only six of the European NATO countries imported annually from China more than 0.4 percent

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of their total imports: Denmark, 0.6 percent in the years 1983, 1984, and 1985 and 0.9 percent in 1986; France, 0.5 percent in 1985 and 1986; the Federal Republic of Germany, 0.5 percent in 1983, 1984, and 1985 and 0.6 percent in 1986; Italy, cent in 1986; Spain, 0.7 percent in 1986; and Turkey, 0.6 percent in 1985 and 0.8 percent in 1986.

Exports generally rose slightly. Seven of the European NATO countries, in one or more of the four years, sent more than 0.6 percent of their total exports to China: France, 0.8 percent in 1985; the FRG, 1.2 percent in both 1985 and 1986; Greece, 1.0 percent in 1985; Italy, 1.0 percent in both 1985 and 1986; Spain, 0.8 percent in 1984, 2.0 percent in 1985 (the highest of any European country in the four-year period), and 1.2 percent in 1986; Turkey, 1.6 percent in 1986; and the United Kingdom, 0.7 percent in 1987.

Canada's imports during the four years ranged from 0.3 percent to 0.5 percent of its total imports. Exports decreased from 1.8 percent in 1983 to 1.1 percent in 1984 and in 1985 and to 0.9 percent in 1986.

US trade with China in 1986 increased for imports and decreased for exports, compared with 1985. Imports amounted to \$4.8 billion (1.3 percent of total imports, compared with 1.1 percent in 1985). Exports amounted to \$3.1 billion (1.4 percent of total exports, compared with 1.8 percent in 1985). Exports of agricultural products dropped to \$57 million in 1986, or 1.8 percent of all exports to China, down sharply from 4.0 percent the previous year.

For the period January through July 1987, compared with the same period in 1986, US exports to China, as a percentage of total US exports, decreased from 1.6 percent in 1986 to 1.3 percent in 1987, or from \$2.0 billion to \$1.8 billion.

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TABLE I

TRADE OF NATO WITH CHINA, 1983-86 (in millions of dollars)

		Trade with China as X of	trade	•									, ,	
			- 1		0.5	0.5	1.3	0.7			0.8	0.9	1.4	6.0
	1986	From (or to)	China		4,221.8	407.8	4,771.2	9,400.8			6,576.0	795.6	3,106.8	10,478.4
		Total from (or to) entire			802,736.9	81,313.7	369,961.2	1,254,011.8			606,613.7	86,663.2	217,304.4	1,110,781.3
		Trade with China as X of			<b>7.</b> 0 .	4.0	1.1	0.7			e. 0	1.1	<b>1.8</b>	1.1
	1985	From (or to) China		•	3,048.7	295.6	3,861.6	7,205.9			4.195,6	936.1	3,855.6	10,383.1
		Trade from (or to) entire world			003,404.0	76,859.5	345,276.0	1,105,540.1		665 575 6		4.655,10	413,146.4	966,077.3
		Trade with China as X of world trade		4.0			٠ . د	9.0		0.5		• •	•	8.0
1984		From (or to) China		2.661.0	257.5	3 064 8	3 6 6 6	5,983.3		3,055.4	987.2	3.004.8		7,047.4
		from (or to) entire		. 653,278.6	74,003.9	325.725.6	1 061 008 1	1.000 (0.00 (+		627, 535.4	86,862.4	217.887.6	7 400 000	4.602,266
	Trede	with China as I of world trade		4.0	0.3	6.0	0.5	1		7.0	1.8	1.1	0.7	;
1983		Prom (or to) China		2,506.4	199.4	2,244.0	4,949.8	•		2,618.9	1,305.6	2,173.2	6.097.7	
	Total	from (or to) entire world		642,055.3	61,332.8	258,048.0	961,436.1			613,851.6	73,810.4	200,538.0	888,200.0	
		Country/Area	Imports (c.1.f.)	European NATO	Canada (f.o.b.)	US (f.o.b.)	Total NATO		Exports (f.o.b.)	European NATO	Canada	US	Total NATO	

TABLE II

TRADE OF NATO COUNTRIES WITH CHINA, 1983-86 (in millions of dollars, c.i.f.)

	1					•								
orts	1986	6,0	6.0	0.0	0.2	0.5	· ·	0.3	0.2	0.7	8.0		0.5	L.3
Total Imports	1985	0.2	9.0	0.5	0.2	0.2	0 °	0.2	0.1	0.4	9.0		7.0	1.1
	1384	0.2	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.1	4.0	0.1	7 0	. no	9.0
Perc 1083	1202	0.2	0.6	0.5	e .	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1 0.4	0.4	6.0	0.5
1986		211.0	194.3 708.0	1,250.4	2.1	681.6	267.8	52.9	130.1	738.7	478.8	4,221.3	407.8 4,771.2	9,400.8
Value 1985		128.4	495.6	871.2	1.7	586.8	189.5	33.4	123.0	7.007	399.6	3,048.7	295.6 3,861.6	7,205.9
1984		111.2	438.0	9.000	1.6	434.4	167.2	50.0 8.3	114.2	8.3	372.0	2,661.0	257.5 3,064.8	5,983.3
1983		112.4	430.8	26.8	1.9	415.2	1/8.4 28.0	6.8	83.9	5,1	351.6	2,506.4	199.4 2,244.0	4,949.8
Country/Area	A. Imports	Belgium-Luxembourg Denmark	France FRG	Greece	Iceland	italy Netherlands	Norway	Portugal	Spain	Turkey	M.	Total European NATO	Canada (f.o.b.) US (f.o.b.)	Total NATO

TABLE II (cont'd)

TRADE OF NATO COUNTRIES WITH CHINA, 1983-86 (in millions of dollars, f.o.b.)

Country/Area	1983	1984	Value	2001	Perc	Percent of Total Imports	otal Imp	orts
B. Exports				1200	1983	1984	1985	1986
Belgium-Luxembourg	213.5	242.9	267.6	9 02 6	•			
France	59.2	73.0	100.9	129.7	0.0 4.0	0 د. د	0.5	0.5
FRG	1,075.2	1.038.0	777.6	667.2	0.5	0.0	0 0	0.6 0.6
or eece Iceland	4.7	26.2	46.9	2,663.2 29.0	9.0	9*0	1.2	1.2
Italy	7 2 7	1	ı	insig	; 1	ָרָ בּ	1.0	0.5
Netherlands	132.4	450.0	789.6	1,002.0	0.4	9*0	י <sup>כ</sup>	insig
Norway	42.0	78.8	246.2	209.0	0.2	0.3	7.0	) r
Fortugal	16.7	14.8	73.1	66.6	0.2	0.4	0.5	7.0
Juston	108.2	187.6	478.4	23.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3
, and a	17.8	40.3	33.5	120.6	o c	8.0	2.0	1.2
UK					0.3	9.0	7.0	1.6
	747.4	423.6	513.6	786.0	0.3	7	·	1
Total European NATO	2,618.9	3,055.4	5,591.4	6.576.0				<b>\.</b> 0
Canada	1 305 6	1			•	o.0	8°0	0.8
us	2,173.2	987.2 3,004.8	936.1 3,855.6	795.6	1.8	1.1	1.1	0.0
Total NATO	100				7•7	T•4	1.8	1.4
	7./60.0	7,047.4	10,383.1	10,478.4	0.7	0.8	1.1	6.0
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